

DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

Claims 1-9, 18, 19, and 21-24 are currently pending in the application. Claims 10-17, and 20 were canceled.

Receipt is acknowledged of amendment / response filed on April 17, 2008 and that has been entered.

Claims 18-19, and 21-24 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.142 (b) as being drawn to a non-elected subject matter.

Applicant's response and arguments have been fully considered and found persuasive with respect to the rejection of claims 1-9 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-5 of co-pending Application No. 11/575,635, and the rejection is hereby withdrawn. Further, MPEP 804 (I)(B)(1) provides that if a "provisional" nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting (ODP) rejection is the only rejection remaining in the earlier-filed of the two pending applications, while the later-filed application is rejectable on other grounds, the examiner should withdraw that rejection and permit the earlier-filed application to issue as a patent without a terminal disclaimer and hence, all pending claims 1-9 are now allowable over the prior art of record.

Examiner's amendment

An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephonic interview with Ms. Karen Kondrad on November 20, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

- a. Claims 18, 19, and 21-24 have been canceled.
- b. In claim 8 (currently amended), page 4, line 1, please insert --according to claim 1--, after the expression "A compound".

Telephone Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Golam Shameem, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-0706. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane, can be reached at (571) 272-0699. The Unofficial fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-7922. The Official fax phone numbers for this Group are (571) 273-8300. When filing a FAX in Technology Center 1600, please indicate in the Header (upper right) "Official" for papers that are to be entered into the file, and "Unofficial" for draft documents and other communications with the PTO that are not for entry into the file of the application. This will expedite processing of your papers.

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